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SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Under what conditions, the Government will agree to deforestation and assignment of the deforested lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" It is a general question. If a separate question is put, I will answer."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that political sufferers and landless labourers were given equal opportunities in the distribution of land. Does the Hon. Minister think it right to classify landless labourers, who are mostly Harijans, along with political sufferers? Are not political sufferers better off than landless labourers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I am sorry a mistake has crept in. I said that the land distributed in the manner I mentioned was more or less equal. Now it is being revised."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" If a political sufferer becomes unemployed, has no other means of livelihood and becomes a landless poor, will he be treated as a landless poor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" If a political sufferer becomes a landless poor, under the present policy he can take advantage of his being a landless poor and forget his political suffering."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—" There is too much delay in assigning lands to landless poor and in organizing a co-operative society for ex-servicemen. This delay is caused because of lack of co-ordination among the Revenue, Public Works and Co-operative Departments. Will the Government see that the lands are assigned immediately, as the lands are remaining uncultivated for the last five or six years? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" I thought that non-co-operation days were over about two decades ago. But now also there is non-co-operation. With regard to ex servicemen and landless poor, orders have been passed on the lines indicated by me, and they will be implemented. As regards political sufferers, if there are pending cases, the assignments will be cancelled."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions pertaining to the Education Department, namely, 266, 267, 270, 274 and 282 will be taken up to-morrow." 8-50 a.m.

Thumbalam Reserve Forest, Musiri taluk.

* 268 Q.—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the annual income derived from Thumbalam Reserve Forest in Musiri taluk;

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(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government for preservation of that forest; and

(c) whether any portion of that forest can be converted into agricultural lands?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (a) There is no forest by name Thumbalam Reserve Forest in Musiri taluk. The name of the forest near Thumbalam village is Mavilipatti forest. Annual income derived from this forest is Rs. 540 approximately.

" (b) Rs. 786 on the protective staff of one forest guard and one watcher.

" (c) No, Sir."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" In view of the increasing population will the Government allow people who have deserted their old dwellings in the forest to go and occupy those old places, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Each individual case will have to be treated separately."

Government Coir Factory, Beypore.

* 269 Q.—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any misappropriation in the Government Coir Factory in Beypore, Malabar;

(b) if there was, what was the amount misappropriated and by whom; and

(c) what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (a), (b) & (c) There was no misappropriation. But certain irregularities in procedure due to the gross negligence and mismanagement of the Coir Factory by the Superintendent, involving the Government in a loss of about Rs. 16,161 came to light. The Superintendent has been kept under suspension. The question of recovering the loss from him and also of taking disciplinary action against him is engaging the attention of the Government."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" How did this happen and on what score did it happen, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" The Superintendent of the Government Coir Factory in Beypore is Syed Muhammad. During a surprise inspection of the factory by the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce in 1949, several irregularities were noticed in the accounts of the factory. Charges were framed against him for the irregularities, his explanation was obtained, and he was warned by the Director of Industries and Commerce